

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 767

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Team Tennessee upon winning the corporate challenge at the Nashville Predators FANGtastic 5K Race.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable public servants is Team Tennessee, which is comprised of more than 100 current and retired State of Tennessee employees who participate in local run/walk races for fun, to promote wellness, and to benefit local charities; and

WHEREAS, Team Tennessee participates in several races during the year through the Corporate Challenge Racing Series, an initiative to promote fitness, teamwork, and community in Middle Tennessee; teams compete in multiple divisions based on company size, with scoring based on age group places, in addition to race times; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2008, Team Tennessee swept the Corporate Challenge in the Predators FANGtastic 5K Race by posting both the top five times and the most participants; athletes of the highest order, nearly 1,800 runners braved the cold and made their way through the streets of downtown Nashville for the race; and

WHEREAS, Team Tennessee exhibited tremendous athletic abilities in the race; individual medalists include, Patrick Cooper, Comptroller of the Treasury, Jacob Carrigan, Finance and Administration, David Owenby, Environment and Conservation, Shawna Peace, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Ann Butterworth, Comptroller of the Treasury, Attorney General Bob Cooper, and Dennis Gendron, Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Team Tennessee is one of more than fifty excellent teams participating in the Corporate Challenge Racing Series; the races benefit local charities and are supported by the Nashville Striders Running Club; and

WHEREAS, Team Tennessee additionally participates in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure series and its members have raised nearly \$10,000 for breast cancer research; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Team Tennessee are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State,” and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the exceptional members of Team Tennessee upon winning the Corporate Challenge at the Nashville Predators FANGtastic 5K Race, as we salute their commitment to fitness, teamwork, and their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.